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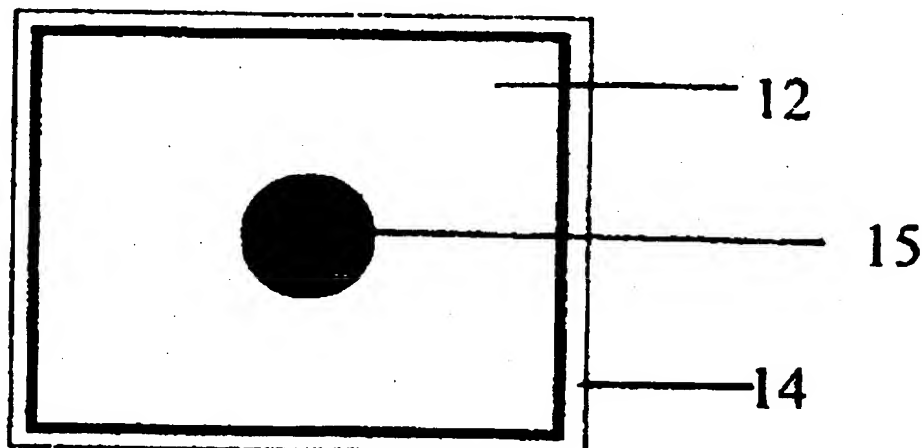
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(57) A magnetic business card comprises a computer generated design printed on to card, laminated and with a magnet 15 applied to the reverse so that the finished product can be used as an advertising/promotional or message device. The card can be attached to any magnetic surface, such as, a refrigerator in the home or magnetic board in an office. The magnetic business card could be used for pinning notes to a magnetic surface while functioning as a handy reference to a particular name, address, telephone number or service. This magnetic business card will provide a method of disseminating information to either the general public or specific interest groups within the general public. Individual companies or businesses or service providers can make use of the method. This invention provides a durable relatively inexpensive and novel way of providing and reinforcing information.

Fig 5

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Fig 1.

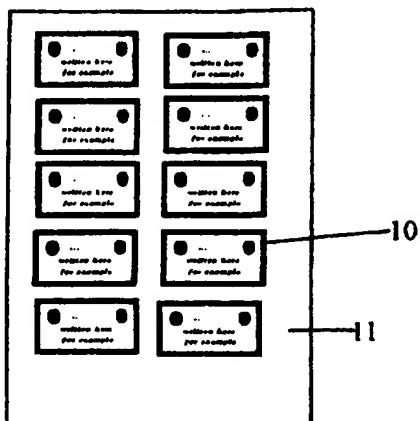


Fig 2.

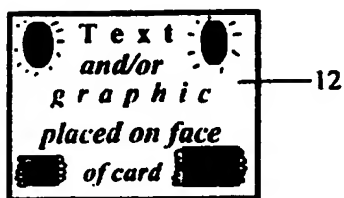


Fig 3

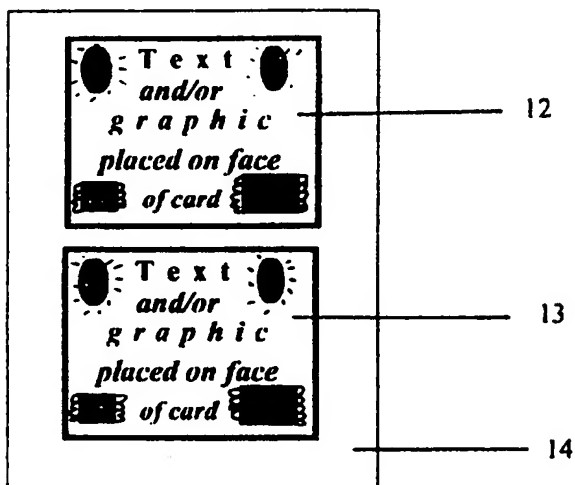


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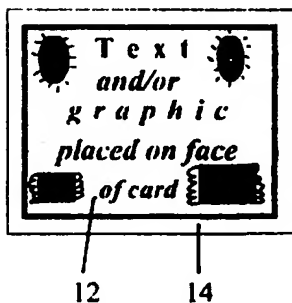
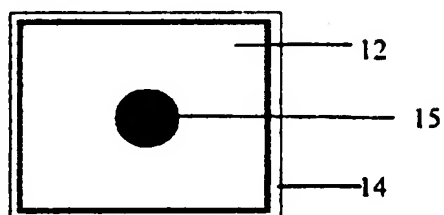


Fig 5



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A Magnetic Business Card.

This invention relates to an advertising, promotional or message device in the form of a magnet for display on any magnetic surface.

Magnets have been used for decorative, marking, attachment and promotional purposes on refrigerators in the home and magnetic surfaces in offices. This invention provides a method of disseminating information to either the general public or specific interest groups within the general public by means of a laminated card with a magnet attached. Individual companies or businesses or service providers can make use of the method. This invention provides a durable, relatively inexpensive and novel way of getting peoples attention. The magnetic business card could be used for pinning notes to a magnetic surface while functioning as a handy reference to a particular name, address, telephone number or service.

According to the present invention there is provided an individually tailored computer generated message with or without graphic, black and white or coloured, with plain or computer enhanced text. This is then printed from the computer on to coloured or white card as appropriate to the design and cut to agreed size and laminated with a minimum 250 micron density laminate using a laminating machine for this process. The laminate is trimmed back to size of card and a ceramic magnet glued to the back. The magnetic laminated card can then be applied to any magnetic surface.

A specific embodiment of the invention will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawing in which:-

- Fig 1: Shows an illustration of the computer generated printed card.
- Fig 2: Shows printed material cut to size.
- Fig 3: Shows positioning of a card in a sheet of no less than 250 micron density laminate
- Fig 4: Shows laminate after being processed and trimmed to size of card.
- Fig 5: Shows reverse of laminated card with magnet attached.

Referring to the drawing, Fig 1 shows an illustration of the computer generated printed material 10. For the purposes of this example the image 10 shown is say 5cm by 4 cm repeated say 10 times on an A4 sheet of paper card 11 which could be coloured or white as appropriate to the design.

Fig 2 shows one image 10 cut to size to make an individual paper card 12.

Fig. 3 shows the individual paper card 12 placed alongside another 13 in a sheet of laminate 14 not less than 250 micron density. This is then put through a laminating machine which heat seals the laminate around the paper card 12.

Fig 4 shows a single laminated card 14 trimmed to approximately 2mm of edge of paper card 12 to ensure that heated seal remains intact around card.

Fig 5 shows the reverse of laminated card 14 with, in this example, a 14 x 3 mm ceramic disc magnet 15 having been glued to the back.

CLAIMS

1. **A laminated card, displaying information designed using a computer and then printed and sealed within a not less than 250 micron density laminate and a magnet attached to the reverse. This product can then be used as an advertising/promotional or message device.**
2. **A magnetic business card as claimed in Claim 1 for use on a refrigerator in the home.**
3. **A magnetic business card as claimed in Claim 1 for use on a magnetic surface in an office environment for promoting outside services.**
4. **A magnetic business card as claimed in Claim 3 for use in an office for promoting in house messages.**

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